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Cleaning the Garage

Imagine that you're a typical Torrance homeowner, living in one of the city's many single-family residential areas, and you decide to clean out the garage.

As anyone knows, a family can accumulate quite a little pile of odd looking pieces of equipment which it is going "to find a use for someday," but never really does.

Alright, you go ahead and clean out the garage, pull some old swing standards out from behind the garage, lug out the broken concrete from the incinerator that you were forced to discard several years ago, and pile it all up at the curb and call a trash man.

You're in trouble. The city council has ruled that the licensed rubbish collectors in Torrance can not pick up from a single family residence and their business licenses are stamped with a restriction limiting them to service commercial, industrial, and multiple unit dwellings.

What's the answer? The city crews are limited in what they can pick up. Not everyone feels like hiring a trailer and hooking it to the bumper of a \$3000 or \$4000 car and going to the county dump.

Not everyone has a day off during the week and the county dump is closed on Sunday.

The city dump is closed to the public.

What's the answer? Until the city council decides that their ruling on pickups at single family residences is unquestionably unsound, and probably illegal, you can let the stuff sit at curbside.

Or you can haul it out along some dark street some night after supper and dump it along the roadside. City forces then are permitted to pick it up.

Just don't get caught. The penalty for illegal dumping is severe, although there is no legal way you can have the rubbish removed from your property.

Good luck!

The Y and Moral Muscles

Throughout the nation this week millions of people are paying tribute to a great organization, the Young Men's Christian Assn.

Our city benefits from one of the 'Y' programs for youth, and we are happy to join in saluting the Torrance YMCA.

Last year more than 6000 boys, girls and families took part in Torrance YMCA camps, clubs, athletic leagues, training, and personal counseling.

Through these many programs, the 'Y' is teaching young people to accept the role of responsible leadership for the future.

Through service projects, such as the Navajo Indian drive, the YMCA is teaching the lesson of concern for others. More than 11 tons of food, clothing and toys were distributed to needy people during this past season.

Through an active camping program, and informal worship at all YMCA events, the 'Y' encourages all young people to find God in their lives, and to determine life goals.

Kids belong to the YMCA because of the fun they enjoy. But we can all be grateful for the "plus values" they receive from nearly 300 volunteer 'Y' leaders.

We think the YMCA's slogan for its annual fund drive next month is particularly fitting: Moral Muscle for America's Youth.

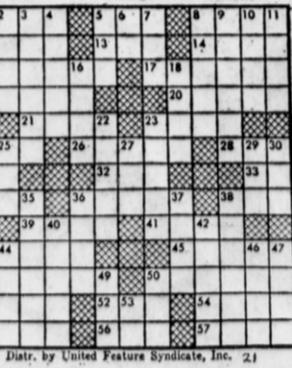
Opinions of Others

Robbing Peter to pay Paul has its disadvantages. It always makes Peter mad, and Paul is seldom satisfied with the settlement.—*Washington (Iowa) Journal.*

Driver in West Germany can be arrested for using rude gestures toward other drivers, it is reported. That might be a way to thin out traffic here.—*Fredonia (N.Y.) Censor.*

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1-Arrived
 - 2-Dude
 - 3-War god
 - 12-Mountain of Europe
 - 13-Arabian garment
 - 14-Rant
 - 15-More flushed
 - 17-Hog fattened for food
 - 19-Loaded
 - 20-Balance
 - 21-Ireland
 - 22-Greenward
 - 24-Prohibit
 - 26-Memphis
 - 28-Idle talk
 - 31-Spanish article
 - 32-Large truck
 - 33-Spanish for "year"
 - 34-Greek letter
 - 35-Measuring device
 - 36-Libely
 - 37-Approach
 - 41-Pluffy feathers
 - 43-Fence
 - 45-Fork prong
 - 48-Oriental civilization
 - 50-King of England and Denmark
 - 51-Suffix: native of (pl.)
 - 52-Macaw
 - 53-Tropical fruit
 - 55-The cauna
 - 56-Oscure
 - 57-Strike
- DOWN**
- 1-Ringlet
 - 2-Region
 - 3-More, usane
 - 4-Church official
 - 6-Distant
 - 6-River in Siberia
 - 7-Soft food
 - 8-Dart
 - 9-Combing before (pl.)
 - 10-Withered
 - 11-Wife of Jewel
 - 18-Semi-precious stone
 - 22-At no time
 - 23-Covered the inside of
 - 24-Insect
 - 25-In music, high
 - 27-Large tub
 - 28-Snake
 - 29-Tiny amount
 - 32-Corner
 - 35-Yucatan Indian
 - 37-Hooter
 - 38-Yearly
 - 40-Wipe out
 - 42-Twice
 - 43-A continent
 - 44-Burmese demon
 - 46-Girl's name
 - 47-Leak through
 - 49-Inane
 - 50-Rotating piece of machinery
 - 53-A state (abbr.)



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Who, Me?



Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

A fireman with the rank of engineer was awarded a pay increase by the Torrance city council of 20 years ago. He was raised from \$135 to \$145 a month according to the HERALD's files of Jan. 23, 1941.

At the same meeting the council also was considering asking for bids for two new busses and at the same time received a claim for damages from a woman passenger who charged incomplete combustion on a bus leased by the city had caused her to become ill and forced an emergency trip to the hospital.

Registrants for the draft, in preparation for World War II, were warned that they had only five days in which to return their questionnaires.

The front page of the HERALD carried notice of awarding of defense contracts to local industries, and there were social items of various women's organizations engaged in war service work for Allied causes.

In cap and gown the 33 members of the mid-semester graduating class from Torrance high school were pic-

tured as the feature picture and story on the front page. "The Onward Look" was the class graduation theme with a commencement program featuring young people some of whom are well known in the business and professional life of the city today.

One appliance store was offering silk stockings valued at \$1 a pair to any woman who would agree to use a new washing machine in her home for one day. But meat prices took a sharp jump of 25 per cent for most cuts after having reached about rock bottom for the previous decade. A new Oldsmobile was advertised for as low as \$879 however.

Walteria had "the liveliest civic organization in Torrance," the newspaper noted. Consistent requests to the city council for needed improvements indicated Walteria leaders were out to make their community a "white spot" on the 18-mile square map that is Torrance.

Jack Benny was co-starring Fred Allen in "Love Thy Neighbor" at one of the local

movie houses, then a leading source of recreation for the people of the city.

Nine residents in the 1900 block of Maricopa Place requested removal of Acacia trees they claimed were damaging sidewalks and sewers.

"Learning by Doing" was the theme of a garden project in some of the schools that had students raising vegetables for use in the school cafeterias.



"A jury under the American system is a group of twelve citizens who could not exert enough influence to be excused."—Franklin P. Jones.

I know exactly what our children are going to do with the large national debt. They will pass it on to their children."—Oren Arnold.

End to Abuses Overdue In State Aid Programs

By JAMES DORAIS

One of the thorniest problems before the State Legislature last year was what to do to correct allegedly serious abuses in the State's Aid to Needy Children program without depriving children because of the faults of their parents.

At the end of the session, the problem still was unsolved; consequently it still remains, and undoubtedly will be one of the thorniest problems to confront the new State Legislature when it convenes in January.

The scope of the problem is readily illustrated by statistics. According to the research department of the California Taxpayers' Assn., the number of ANC recipients jumped from 153,842 in 1954-55 to 222,365 in 1959-60. Part of the increase can be attributed to the State's enormous population increase, but big

as it was, it was only 20 per cent as compared to the ANC caseload increase of 45 per cent.

During the same period — the most prosperous years in the nation's history — the cost of the program rose from \$89,441,051 to \$139,985,511 — an increase of 56.6 per cent.

Critics of the ANC program, as presently administered, center their fire on two charges. The first charge, that the program encourages promiscuity and illegitimacy, is supported by studies showing that between 25 per cent and 33 per cent of the children on ANC are illegitimate — a far greater percentage than for the population at large — and that 40 per cent of the illegitimate children are conceived while the mother already is on ANC.

The second charge is that aid is obtained in a large

number of cases by fraud. Most families are on ANC because the father allegedly is voluntarily absent, but in an alarming number of cases, critics contend, the father is reported to be missing when he is not.

To correct abuses in the program, legislative proposals undoubtedly will be presented at the 1961 Legislative session to:

Make the penalty for perjury applicable when ANC aid is granted on deliberately fraudulent information.

Permit taking into account the income of a stepfather or common-law husband in determining eligibility for and size of ANC grants.

Specify that presence of a man's personal effects in the house is presumptive that he is living there.

Place a ceiling on the monthly grant for a family to minimize advantages of having a father leave home.

Chapel Relays Opinions On Mental Health Laws

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District
The Legislative Counsel, at my request, has prepared an official legal opinion, No. 5905, regarding mental health services, which will answer many questions I have received from people in Los Angeles County, worded as follows:

"You have asked us three questions relating to community mental health services (Short-Doyle Act, W. & I. C. Sec. 9000 et seq.). These questions are set forth and considered separately below.

"QUESTION NO. 1
"It is possible to set up a community mental health service in a city under the Short-Doyle Act without action by a majority of the city council."

"OPINION NO. 1
"The vote required in charter cities is controlled by the charter provisions of each particular city.

"As to general law cities, a favorable vote of a majority of the quorum is required.

"ANALYSIS NO. 1
"In order for a city or a combination of cities having an aggregate population of more than 50,000 to establish a community health service, it must pass an ordinance or resolution to that effect (W. & I. C. Sec. 9002).

"An ordinance or resolution to be valid must be passed by the required number of votes (Satterlee v. San Francisco, 23 Cal. 314). As to charter cities, that number is controlled by the charter provisions of the particular city. Charter provisions may require the vote of a majority of the entire membership of the legislative body (Satterlee v. San Francisco, supra; see also, e.g., Charter of the City of Los Angeles, Sec. 25). However, in the absence of an express requirement to that effect the vote of the majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient (Martin v. Ballinger, 25 Cal. App. 2d 435).

"General law cities are governed by Government Code Section 36310 which provides that a majority of the members of the legislative body constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (Gov. C. Sec. 36310). This has been interpreted to mean that where the city council con-

sisted of five members (as provided for in general law cities, Gov. C. Sec. 36501), the favorable vote of a majority of the quorum, consisting of three members, was necessary to adopt an ordinance or resolution (Saks & Co. v. City of Beverly Hills, 107 Cal. App. 2d 260).

"QUESTION NO. 2
"Can a community mental health service be set up in a city by the county officials?"

"OPINION NO. 2
"In our opinion this may be done.

"ANALYSIS NO. 2
"Both the option and the authority to establish local mental health services are given to:

"(1) Any county board of supervisors to establish services covering the entire county (W. & I. C. Sec. 9003).

"(2) Any city council of a municipality with a population exceeding 50,000 (W. & I. C. Sec. 9002).

"(3) The board of trustees of a health district (W. & I. C. Sec. 9003)."

"(This provision applies only to San Joaquin County where the health district has identical boundaries but is governed by a special board (See Community Mental Health Services, State of California, Dept. of Mental Hygiene, p. 16).
"Thus, the code specifically provides that the county board of supervisors may establish a community mental health service to cover the entire area of the county (W. & I. C. Sec. 9003). We are not aware of any specific statute which would prohibit the county from setting up such a program in a city, so long as the entire area of the county is covered (as to duplication of effort see Opinion and Analysis No. 3).

"QUESTION NO. 3
"How may a community mental program be set up?"

"OPINION AND ANALYSIS NO. 3
"Community Mental Health Services, a pamphlet prepared by the Department of Mental Hygiene, sets out the steps necessary to implement the act. These are as follows:
"Steps in Implementing the Act:

"1. The first step is to decide which governing body, the city or the county, or a combination of cities and counties, will be the local mental health authority in a

given locality. The act provides that any city, or combination of cities, with over 50,000 population may establish municipal mental health services. However, should the county in which such cities are located also establish mental health services, the residents of the city would pay double taxes; the act does not permit cities to stay out of their county's program. On the other hand, the act provides for the establishment of a joint city and county mental health program and, consequently, duplication of either services or taxation can be avoided.

"2. The second step is the appointment by the governing body of the Local Mental Health Advisory Board, as provided in the act.

"3. The third step is for the governing body to exercise one of the three choices regarding the administration of the community mental health services; that is, to appoint a local director of mental health services as the administrator of the new program, or to appoint the local health officer or the medical administrator of the county hospital to be the administrative officer.

"4. The fourth step is the preparation of a plan and a budget for submission to the Department of Mental Hygiene. It should be borne in mind that existing mental health services, similar to those in the act and already operated by the governing body, as well as existing services operating under voluntary auspices, may be included in the plan. The full report entitled "Distribution of Patients by County of Origin" may be procured from the Department of Mental Hygiene as an aid in estimating caseloads.

"5. At any time before, during, or after the preparation of the local plan, consultation may be requested from the Division of Community Services of the State Department of Mental Hygiene. The regulations, which include standards both for the operation of services and for personnel, should be reviewed and understood before the local plan is submitted. Forms to accompany the application for the state reimbursement should also be procured from the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Attorney Outlines Need For School Tax Approval

(Statement prepared by Attorney Gene Voorhees, 5310 Paseo de Pablo in Torrance on the Torrance School District financial needs)

Torrance is a city of children. About one-eighth of the population is in school in the average city. We have double this number. One out of four persons in Torrance is a school-age child.

Luckily, efficient administration has kept our school costs well below average. L.A. County average cost of educating one child for one year is \$424. It is only \$362 in Torrance, a savings of \$62 per child each year.

Even though we have double the normal proportion of children in our city, nevertheless, our tax rate will still be well below average after the adoption of the override. One reason is that heavy industry alone pays almost 60 per cent of the tax bill.

We have provided for buildings for the time being through school bonds. What we need now is more money to hire more teachers for all the wonderful children we have added, and will be adding, to our schools. One reason we need the override tax is that it is not legal to use bond money for operating expenses.

The cost of the 50 cents override will be \$20 extra per tax year on a house with a market value of \$20,000, or 40 cents per week. A \$30,000 house will pay \$30 per year, or 60 cents per week. A \$15,000 house will pay \$15

per year, or 30 cents per week.

We wouldn't have to bother with override elections if the legislature would modernize the legal tax limit. This was set in 1931 at \$1.65 per hundred assessed valuation. Just how obsolete this has become is illustrated by the fact that 87 per cent of the districts in California have override taxes. Those districts that don't have an override tax are unusual, like Beverly Hills, with lots of valuable property but

few children — just the opposite of our own situation.

If we don't have the override tax, then we cannot legally hire the teachers we need because we don't have the money. Our teachers will have to handle classes averaging from 40 to 50 pupils, if we can find any teachers crazy enough to take on a job like that. We'll have a lot of trouble finding teachers at all since there are plenty of jobs in districts with much smaller classes.

3. A remainder might rest on a "contingency." Suppose Joan gets the property if she remains single until aged 21. Otherwise it would go to John. John has a "remainder" which he gets only in the contingent event that Joan marries before she is 21.

A remainder might also go to a "class" of persons, for example, to John's children after his death. As children are born, the "class" gets new members; if no children, the class fails. No members. The property may then go back to the original owner or his heirs.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

Law in Action

Real Estate Interests

You may have a "present" or a "future" interest in real estate. A present interest allows you to take over the property at once; a future interest, only at some future time. You may have many future interests.

1. Original owners may keep a "reversionary" interest after an estate ends: Suppose you give someone a life estate or property for 99 years. You or your heirs may take back the estate after that time has passed.

A reverter again may return the property to the original owner. Suppose you give land to a charity for just one purpose. If the charity dis-

solves later, or decides not to carry out your purpose, you may get it back.

2. A right to re-enter: One may put a condition on a transfer, say, that no liquor be sold on the property. If it is, the first owner may have the right to re-enter. California courts do not enforce conditions restricting land sales because of race or religion.

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★ STAR GAZER ★

By CLAY R. FOLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars.
To develop message for Sunday,
read words corresponding to numbers
of your Zodiac birth sign.

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